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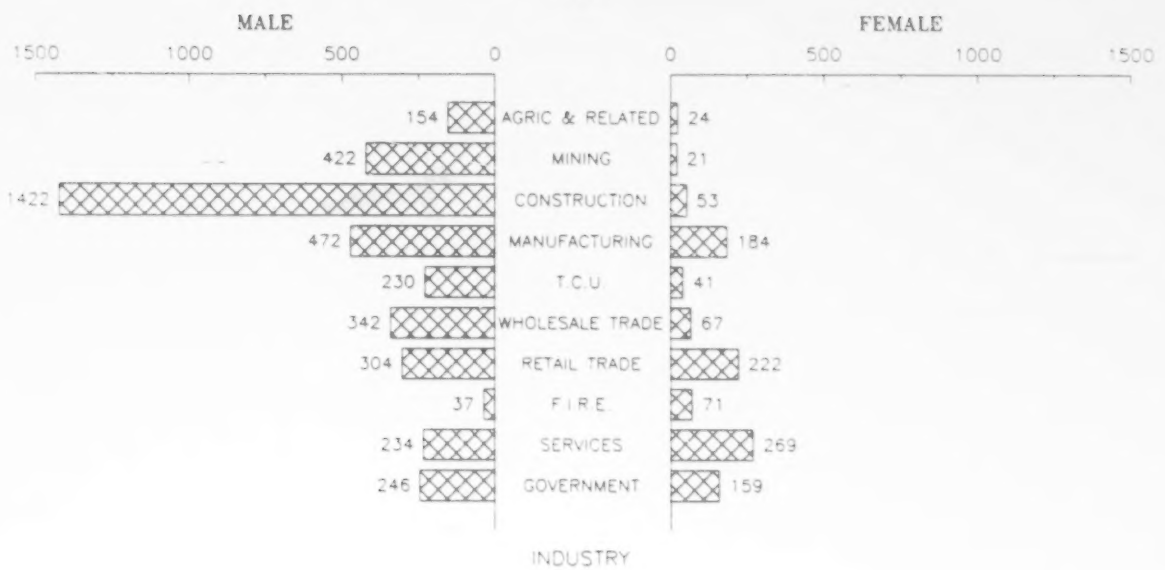

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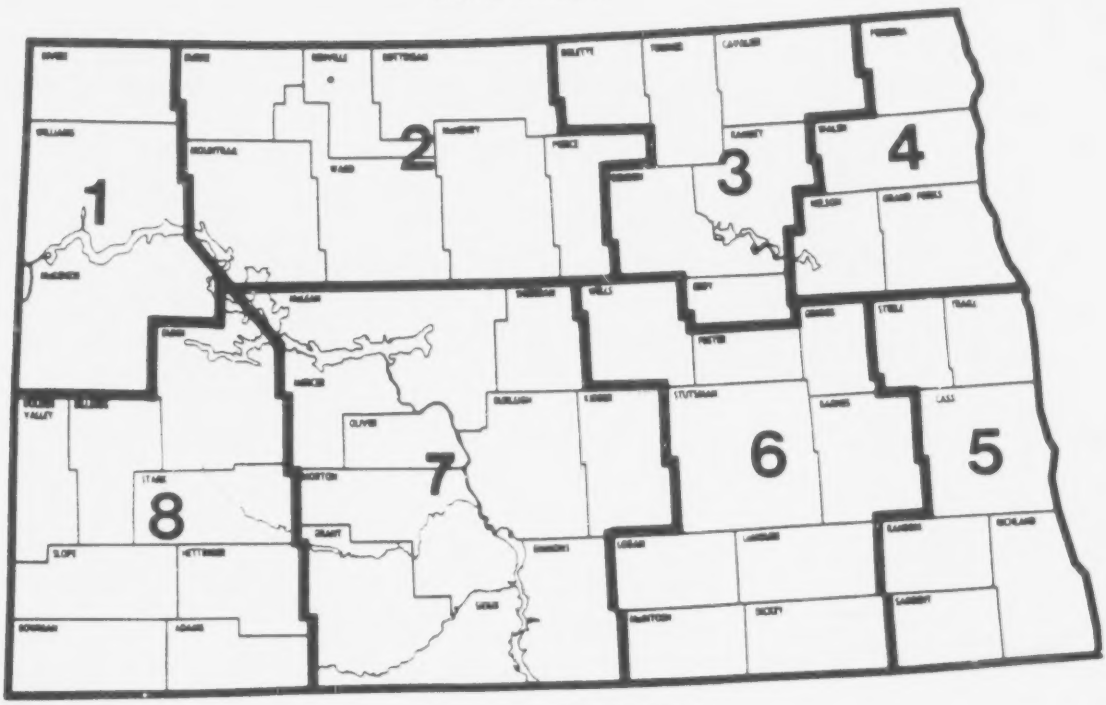

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Labor force, employment, and hours and earnings estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

EVIDENCE OF A CHANGING WORK FORCE

There are identifiable trends in North Dakota's labor force which provide information in meeting current planning needs. Study of employment and unemployment in North Dakota for 1986 and 1987 reveals demographic and economic changes.

Some important changes are occurring in the labor force because the demographics of the general population are being transformed.

The maturing of the baby boom generation and the significant decrease in young workers is demonstrated by comparing the proportion of average insured unemployment by age group in 1986 and 1987. Table 1 shows declines in all groups under the age of 34 and increases in age groups 35 and above.

TABLE 1. AVERAGE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE GROUP, 1986 AND 1987

Age Group	1986 % of Total	1987 % of Total	1986-87 % of Change
16-19	.7%	.7%	--
20-21	4.0%	3.4%	-.6%
22-24	12.2%	10.5%	-1.7%
25-34	40.9%	40.2%	-.7%
35-44	20.8%	21.9%	+1.1%
45-54	12.4%	13.4%	+1.0%
55-59	4.8%	5.3%	+.5%
60-64	3.2%	3.6%	+.4%
65+	1.0%	1.1%	+.1%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	--

Another important change in the composition of the labor force is the increasing number of women choosing, either because of increased opportunity or economic necessity, to work outside the home. The proportion of North Dakota women participating in the labor force has increased from 51.7% in 1980 to 58.9% in 1986, bringing the female share of total employment in the state to 43.9%. (Data--Geographic Profiles 1980 and 1986.) Because women generally hold part-time, lower paying jobs (as shown in local employment surveys), they comprise a small, but increasing, proportion of the insured unemployed--from 19% of the average annual unemployed in 1986 to 22% in 1987. Although representing little more than one-fifth of the total insured unemployed, they are clustered in the services industries, constituting a much greater proportion of the unemployed in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (65%), Retail Trade (42%), and Services (53%).

Employment and unemployment change from 1986 and 1987 reveals economic changes. Preliminary employment data and unemployment claims data show a slight increase in overall average nonagricultural wage and salary employment from 1986 to 1987 and a 21% decline in average insured unemployment. Table 2 discloses the following changes by industry: Mining showed a 13% loss in average total employment with an accompanying 53% decline in average insured unemployment; Construction employment remained steady, while insured

TABLE 2. TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1986 AND 1987

Industry	Employment (in Thousands)			Unemployment (in Thousands)		
	1986	1987	% Change	1986	1987	% Change
Mining	4.7	4.1	-12.8%	.95	.45	-52.6%
Construction	10.7	10.7	--	1.88	1.49	-20.7%
Manufacturing	15.3	15.7	+2.6%	.69	.67	-2.9%
T.C.U.	15.9	16.0	+.6%	.38	.28	-26.3%
Wholesale Trade	19.4	19.2	+1.0%	.52	.41	-21.2%
Retail Trade	47.4	48.0	+1.3%	.61	.53	-13.1%
F.I.R.E.	12.4	12.5	+.8%	.11	.11	--
Services	59.2	60.7	+2.5%	.63	.51	-19.0%
Government	64.3	64.5	+.3%	.39	.41	+5.1%
TOTAL	249.3	251.3	+.8%	6.15	4.87	-20.8%

unemployment dropped by 21%; Manufacturing employment increased (3%), while unemployment decreased (3%); Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities employment increased slightly--average unemployment decreased 26%; Wholesale Trade employment was stable with unemployment decreasing 21%; Retail Trade gained 1% employment and lost 13% in unemployment; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate gained less than a percentage point in employment with no increase in average unemployment; Services employment increased by almost 3% and unemployment decreased 19%; Government employment increased less than a percentage point but increased 5% in average unemployment.

The change in each industry's share of employment and unemployment from 1986 and 1987 shows the shift away from the goods-producing industries towards the services industries (Table 3):

TABLE 3. PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY, 1986 AND 1987

Industry	Percent of Total Employment			Percent of Total Unemployment		
	1986	1987	% Change	1986	1987	% Change
Mining	1.9%	1.6%	-.3%	15.4%	9.2%	-6.2%
Construction	4.3%	4.3%	--	30.5%	30.6%	+.1%
Manufacturing	6.1%	6.2%	-.1%	11.2%	13.8%	+2.6%
T.C.U.	6.4%	6.4%	--	6.2%	5.7%	-.5%
Wholesale Trade	7.8%	7.6%	-.2%	8.5%	8.5%	--
Retail Trade	19.0%	19.1%	+.1%	9.9%	10.9%	+1.0%
F.I.R.E.	5.0%	5.0%	--	1.8%	2.3%	+.5%
Services	23.7%	24.2%	+.5%	10.2%	10.5%	+.3%
Government	25.8%	25.7%	-.1%	6.3%	8.4%	+2.1%
TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	--	100.0%	100.0%	--

The work force is evolving. Data for the past two years suggests more older workers and more women hold jobs in an increasingly service-oriented economy. The task for local planners, state and local officials, and community leaders must be to develop programs which meet changing needs.

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NORTH DAKOTA

(Rounded to Hundreds)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH DEC 1987	PREVIOUS MONTH NOV 1987	ONE YEAR AGO DEC 1986	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH NOV 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR DEC 1986
TOTAL	254,500	255,500	249,600	-0.4%	2.0%
MINING	4,100	4,200	4,100	-2.4%	0.0%
COAL	1,000	1,000	1,200	0.0%	-16.7%
CRUDE PET. & NAT. GAS	2,800	2,800	2,700	0.0%	3.7%
OTHER MINING	300	400	200	-25.0%	50.0%
CONSTRUCTION	9,400	11,400	9,200	-17.5%	2.2%
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,900	2,700	-13.8%	-7.4%
STREET HIGHWAY & HEAVY	1,600	2,800	1,700	-42.9%	-5.9%
SPECIAL TRADE CONSTRUCTION	5,300	5,700	4,800	-7.0%	10.4%
MANUFACTURING	15,700	15,900	15,400	-1.3%	1.9%
DURABLE GOODS	6,500	6,700	6,000	-3.0%	8.3%
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	500	700	500	-28.6%	0.0%
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	800	800	700	0.0%	14.3%
MACHINERY & TRANS. EQUIP.	3,900	3,900	3,600	0.0%	8.3%
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	1,300	1,300	1,200	0.0%	8.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,200	9,200	9,400	0.0%	-2.1%
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	4,400	4,400	4,800	0.0%	-8.3%
DAIRY PRODUCTS	700	800	700	-12.5%	0.0%
FOOD SPECIALITIES & CONFECTIONERY PRODUCTS	1,900	1,800	2,000	5.6%	-5.0%
BAKERY PRODUCTS	300	300	400	0.0%	-25.0%
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED	1,500	1,500	1,700	0.0%	-11.8%
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	2,400	2,400	2,500	0.0%	-4.0%
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS	2,400	2,400	2,100	0.0%	14.3%
TRANS. COMM. & UTILITIES	16,400	16,400	15,800	0.0%	3.8%
TRANSPORTATION	8,400	8,400	7,800	0.0%	7.7%
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSE	5,000	5,000	4,500	0.0%	11.1%
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	3,400	3,400	3,300	0.0%	3.0%
COMMUNICATION	3,200	3,200	3,200	0.0%	0.0%
UTILITIES	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

NORTH DAKOTA

(Continued)

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH DEC 1987	PREVIOUS MONTH NOV 1987	ONE YEAR AGO DEC 1986	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH NOV 1987	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR DEC 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,400	19,400	19,100	0.0%	1.6%
DURABLE GOODS	9,000	9,000	8,800	0.0%	2.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	10,400	10,400	10,300	0.0%	1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	49,600	48,900	48,500	1.4%	2.3%
GENERAL MERCHANDISE	6,900	6,700	6,800	3.0%	1.5%
FOOD STORES	6,800	6,700	6,900	1.5%	-1.4%
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE ST.	6,700	6,600	6,600	1.5%	1.5%
APPAREL & ACCESSORIES	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER RETAIL	26,400	26,100	25,400	1.1%	3.9%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0%	0.0%
FINANCE	6,800	6,800	6,900	0.0%	-1.4%
BANKING	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	0.0%
OTHER FINANCE	2,600	2,600	2,700	0.0%	-3.7%
INSURANCE	3,900	3,900	3,800	0.0%	2.6%
REAL ESTATE	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	61,700	61,600	59,400	0.2%	3.9%
LODGING	4,300	4,300	4,100	0.0%	4.9%
HEALTH SERVICES	26,500	26,400	25,500	0.4%	3.9%
NURSING CARE & HOSPITALS	19,500	19,500	18,900	0.0%	3.2%
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES	7,000	6,900	6,600	1.4%	6.1%
OTHER SERVICES	30,900	30,900	29,800	0.0%	3.7%
GOVERNMENT	65,700	65,200	65,600	0.8%	0.2%
FEDERAL	10,100	10,100	9,900	0.0%	2.0%
STATE GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,300	20,500	-1.0%	-2.0%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	13,400	13,400	13,600	0.0%	-1.5%
OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT	6,700	6,900	6,900	-2.9%	-2.9%
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	35,500	34,800	35,200	2.0%	0.9%
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	17,600	17,400	17,500	1.1%	0.6%
OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,900	17,400	17,700	2.9%	1.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

I N D U S T R I E S	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	ONE YEAR AGO	CHANGE FROM: LAST MONTH	CHANGE FROM: LAST YEAR
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	DEC 1987	NOV 1987	DEC 1986	NOV 1987	DEC 1986
TOTAL	72,100	72,600	70,300	-0.7%	2.6%
MINING CONSTRUCTION	3,200	3,700	3,000	-13.5%	6.7%
MANUFACTURING	4,700	4,900	4,900	-4.1%	-4.1%
DURABLE GOODS	2,000	2,200	1,900	-9.1%	5.3%
NONDURABLE GOODS	2,700	2,700	3,000	0.0%	-10.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	4,400	4,400	4,300	0.0%	2.3%
TRADE	21,500	21,300	20,800	0.9%	3.4%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,400	6,400	6,300	0.0%	1.6%
RETAIL TRADE	15,100	14,900	14,500	1.3%	4.1%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	4,500	4,500	4,300	0.0%	4.7%
SERVICES	19,400	19,400	18,800	0.0%	3.2%
GOVERNMENT	14,400	14,400	14,200	0.0%	1.4%
FEDERAL	2,200	2,200	2,100	0.0%	4.8%
STATE & LOCAL	12,200	12,200	12,100	0.0%	0.8%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	30,200	30,100	29,400	0.3%	2.7%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,400	1,700	1,300	-17.6%	7.7%
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,500	1,400	6.7%	14.3%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	8,400	8,400	8,300	0.0%	1.2%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,000	7,000	6,900	0.0%	1.4%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,300	1,200	1,200	8.3%	8.3%
SERVICES	6,500	6,500	6,300	0.0%	3.2%
GOVERNMENT	9,500	9,300	9,400	2.2%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	37,000	36,800	36,400	0.5%	1.6%
MINING	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	1,400	1,600	1,400	-12.5%	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM. & UTILITIES	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
TRADE	10,100	9,900	9,900	2.0%	2.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	2,200	0.0%	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,000	7,800	7,700	2.6%	3.9%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
SERVICES	10,600	10,500	10,300	1.0%	2.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,500	8,400	8,400	1.2%	1.2%

(1967=100)

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Percent Change From Nov 1987	Percent Change From Dec 1986
All Items	328.4	345.7	345.8	331.1	0.0%	4.4%
Food & Beverage	311.8	328.1	326.7	317.0	0.4%	3.5%
Housing	360.2	375.3	374.9	362.1	0.1%	3.6%
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	221.1	226.4	210.9	-2.3%	4.8%
Transportation	307.5	323.3	324.1	304.8	-0.2%	6.1%
Medical Care	433.5	472.9	471.7	446.8	0.3%	5.8%
Entertainment	274.1	288.5	288.1	277.4	0.1%	4.0%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Percent Change From Nov 1987	Percent Change From Dec 1986
All Commodities	299.8	311.7	311.9	298.5	-0.1%	4.4%
Farm Products & Processed Food and Feeds	252.0	258.6	258.9	254.7	-0.1%	1.5%
Industrial Commodities	312.1	325.3	325.4	309.8	0.0%	5.0%

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	422.35	414.41	408.78	41.9	41.4	41.5	10.08	10.01	9.85
Durable Goods	452.20	443.94	439.92	42.5	42.0	42.3	10.64	10.57	10.40
Nondurable Goods	381.30	375.14	368.24	41.0	40.6	40.6	9.30	9.24	9.07
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	328.77	335.41	319.10	39.0	39.6	38.4	8.43	8.47	8.31
Durable Goods	356.47	363.26	345.93	40.6	41.0	39.4	8.78	8.86	8.78
Nondurable Goods	309.64	315.75	302.78	37.9	38.6	37.8	8.17	8.18	8.01
Food & Kindred	320.66	322.29	311.95	39.2	39.4	38.8	8.18	8.18	8.04
Printing and Publishing	267.32	273.90	279.61	31.9	32.3	32.4	8.38	8.48	8.63
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	344.44	352.29	331.96	39.5	40.4	38.6	8.72	8.72	8.60
Durable Goods	344.75	363.38	317.81	39.4	41.2	37.7	8.75	8.82	8.43
Nondurable Goods	343.65	342.61	339.78	39.5	39.7	39.1	8.70	8.63	8.69

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Dec'87	Nov'87	Dec'86	Dec'87	Nov'87	Dec'86	12/87	11/87	12/86	12/87	11/87	12/86
Divide	1,407	1,399	1,359	1,329	1,353	1,263	78	46	96	5.5%	3.3%	7.1%
McKenzie	2,763	2,829	3,125	2,621	2,708	2,877	142	121	248	5.1%	4.3%	7.9%
Williams	10,217	10,354	12,122	9,646	9,719	10,519	571	635	1,603	5.6%	6.1%	13.2%
REGION 1	14,387	14,582	16,606	13,596	13,780	14,659	791	802	1,947	5.5%	5.5%	11.7%
Bottineau	3,472	3,510	3,451	3,224	3,313	3,143	248	197	308	7.1%	5.6%	8.9%
Burke	1,263	1,291	1,431	1,195	1,226	1,289	68	65	142	5.4%	5.0%	9.9%
McHenry	2,515	2,573	2,653	2,129	2,272	2,255	386	301	398	15.3%	11.7%	15.0%
Mountrail	3,029	3,160	3,327	2,792	2,896	2,973	237	264	354	7.8%	8.4%	10.6%
Pierce	2,287	2,367	2,420	2,140	2,266	2,266	147	101	154	6.4%	4.3%	6.4%
Renville	1,154	1,216	1,326	1,094	1,130	1,186	60	86	140	5.2%	7.1%	10.6%
Ward	24,951	24,942	24,865	23,375	23,499	23,141	1,576	1,443	1,724	6.3%	5.8%	6.9%
REGION 2	38,671	39,059	39,473	35,949	36,602	36,253	2,722	2,457	3,220	7.0%	6.3%	8.2%
Benson	2,878	2,983	3,139	2,599	2,734	2,905	279	249	234	9.7%	8.3%	7.5%
Cavalier	2,481	2,536	2,412	2,279	2,388	2,243	202	148	169	8.1%	5.8%	7.0%
Eddy	1,337	1,334	1,416	1,187	1,233	1,226	150	101	190	11.2%	7.6%	13.4%
Ramsey	6,368	6,397	6,103	5,988	6,062	5,686	380	335	417	6.0%	5.2%	6.8%
Rolette	4,727	4,749	5,125	3,816	3,909	4,438	911	840	687	19.3%	17.7%	13.4%
Towner	1,720	1,727	1,545	1,645	1,653	1,486	75	74	59	4.4%	4.3%	3.8%
REGION 3	19,511	19,726	19,740	17,514	17,979	17,984	1,997	1,747	1,756	10.2%	8.9%	8.9%
Grand Forks	35,667	35,664	35,102	34,032	34,038	33,852	1,635	1,626	1,250	4.6%	4.6%	3.6%
Nelson	1,836	1,840	1,911	1,669	1,732	1,730	167	108	181	9.1%	5.9%	9.5%
Pembina	4,640	4,821	5,000	4,167	4,371	4,411	473	450	589	10.2%	9.3%	11.8%
Walsh	7,079	7,219	7,806	6,701	6,853	7,370	378	366	436	5.3%	5.1%	5.6%
REGION 4	49,222	49,544	49,819	46,569	46,994	47,363	2,653	2,550	2,456	5.4%	5.1%	4.9%
Cass	57,961	58,059	56,615	55,723	56,020	54,603	2,238	2,039	2,012	3.9%	3.5%	3.6%
Ransom	2,525	2,538	2,561	2,394	2,442	2,458	131	96	103	5.2%	3.8%	4.0%
Richland	8,316	8,418	8,246	7,924	8,095	7,804	392	323	442	4.7%	3.8%	5.4%
Sargent	2,262	2,351	2,295	2,190	2,264	2,167	72	87	128	3.2%	3.7%	5.6%
Steele	993	1,084	924	959	1,056	869	34	28	55	3.4%	2.6%	6.0%
Traill	4,115	4,230	4,165	3,984	4,069	4,063	131	161	102	3.2%	3.8%	2.4%
REGION 5	76,172	76,680	74,806	73,174	73,946	71,964	2,998	2,734	2,842	3.9%	3.6%	3.8%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986	Dec 1987	Nov 1987	Dec 1986
Barnes	6,047	6,067	5,704	5,782	5,866	5,404	265	201	300	4.4%	3.3%	5.3%
Dickey	2,861	2,933	3,009	2,677	2,804	2,848	184	129	161	6.4%	4.4%	5.4%
Foster	1,969	2,006	2,049	1,844	1,933	1,889	125	73	160	6.3%	3.6%	7.8%
Griggs	1,407	1,452	1,323	1,341	1,406	1,271	66	46	52	4.7%	3.2%	3.9%
La Moure	2,270	2,361	2,124	2,161	2,240	2,001	109	121	123	4.8%	5.1%	5.8%
Logan	1,284	1,345	1,314	1,237	1,301	1,206	47	44	108	3.7%	3.3%	8.2%
McIntosh	2,042	2,120	1,987	1,967	2,058	1,885	75	62	102	3.7%	2.9%	5.1%
Stutsman	11,706	11,685	11,751	11,059	11,184	11,061	647	501	690	5.5%	4.3%	5.9%
Wells	2,715	2,797	2,717	2,481	2,600	2,494	234	197	223	8.6%	7.0%	8.2%
REGION 6	32,301	32,766	31,978	30,549	31,392	30,059	1,752	1,374	1,919	5.4%	4.2%	6.0%
Burleigh	31,692	31,656	31,299	29,975	29,914	29,268	1,717	1,742	2,031	5.4%	5.5%	6.5%
Emmons	1,990	2,088	1,945	1,853	1,955	1,793	137	133	152	6.9%	6.4%	7.8%
Grant	1,652	1,736	1,605	1,561	1,647	1,513	91	89	92	5.5%	5.1%	5.7%
Kidder	1,391	1,423	1,418	1,249	1,316	1,246	142	107	172	10.2%	7.5%	12.1%
McLean	4,501	4,600	4,212	4,174	4,310	3,803	327	290	409	7.3%	6.3%	9.7%
Mercer	5,173	5,398	4,798	4,722	4,968	4,283	451	430	515	8.7%	8.0%	10.7%
Morton	12,044	11,918	11,843	11,158	11,136	10,895	886	782	948	7.4%	6.6%	8.0%
Oliver	977	1,050	1,139	891	979	1,051	86	71	88	8.8%	6.8%	7.7%
Sheridan	939	992	985	856	946	911	83	46	74	8.8%	4.6%	7.5%
Sioux	1,333	1,357	1,295	1,193	1,216	1,180	140	141	115	10.5%	10.4%	8.9%
REGION 7	61,692	62,218	60,539	57,632	58,387	55,943	4,060	3,831	4,596	6.6%	6.2%	7.6%
Adams	1,654	1,708	1,663	1,598	1,649	1,596	56	59	67	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%
Billings	675	683	634	641	643	587	34	40	47	5.0%	5.9%	7.4%
Bowman	1,958	2,004	1,991	1,899	1,957	1,817	59	47	174	3.0%	2.3%	8.7%
Dunn	1,453	1,526	1,579	1,282	1,368	1,412	171	158	167	11.8%	10.4%	10.6%
Gldn Valley	969	1,023	891	935	984	851	34	39	40	3.5%	3.8%	4.5%
Hettinger	1,641	1,672	1,729	1,532	1,599	1,609	109	73	120	6.6%	4.4%	6.9%
Slope	354	413	383	332	374	326	22	39	57	6.2%	9.4%	14.9%
Stark	11,353	11,374	11,312	10,717	10,788	10,157	636	586	1,155	5.6%	5.2%	10.2%
REGION 8	20,057	20,403	20,182	18,936	19,362	18,355	1,121	1,041	1,827	5.6%	5.1%	9.1%
STATE TOTAL	312,013	314,978	313,138	293,919	298,442	292,578	18,094	16,536	20,560	5.8%	5.2%	6.6%

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	December 1987	November 1987	December 1986	Percent Change From November 1987	Percent Change From December 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	122,472	122,371	120,336	0.1%	1.8%
Employment	115,494	115,255	112,387	0.2%	2.8%
Unemployment	6,978	7,116	7,949	-1.9%	-12.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	5.8%	6.6%	xxx	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	312,010	314,980	313,140	-0.9%	-0.4%
Employment	293,920	298,440	292,580	-1.5%	0.5%
Unemployment	18,090	16,540	20,560	9.4%	-12.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	5.2%	6.6%	xxx	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	84,000	84,150	82,250	-0.2%	2.1%
Employment	80,260	80,910	78,930	-0.8%	1.7%
Unemployment	3,740	3,240	3,320	15.4%	12.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	3.9%	4.0%	xxx	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,670	35,670	35,100	0.0%	1.6%
Employment	34,030	34,040	33,850	0.0%	0.5%
Unemployment	1,640	1,630	1,250	0.6%	31.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.6%	3.6%	xxx	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,730	43,570	43,140	0.4%	1.4%
Employment	41,130	41,050	40,160	0.2%	2.4%
Unemployment	2,600	2,520	2,980	3.2%	-12.8%
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	5.8%	6.9%	xxx	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

NOVEMBER 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	314.9	344.2	2,255.0	397.2
Employment	298.4	325.3	2,122.3	367.5
Unemployment	16.5	18.9	132.7	29.7
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.5%	5.9%	7.5%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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